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GDR HAS EXISTED SINCE 1949 AS SOVEREIGN STATE WHOSE CAPITAL IS BERLIN. NO OCCUPATION STATUTE OR ANYTHING SIMILAR EXISTS FOR HER DEMOCRATIC CAPITAL CITY. AGREEMENT OF JUNE 20, 1949 THEREFORE CAN APPLY ONLY TO WEST BERLIN. WEST BERLIN DOES NOT BELONG TO WEST GERMANY BUT LIES IN MIDDLE GDR TERRITORY. IT HAS HOWEVER OWN ADMINISTRATION, OWN OCCUPATION REGIME. THEREFORE IF ONE SPEAKS OF ALLIED AGREEMENTS THESE AGREEMENTS APPLY ONLY TO WEST BERLIN. SHOULD NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING SETTLEMENT WEST BERLIN QUESTION TAKE PLACE -- AND THIS IS NECESSITY -- THESE WOULD CONCERN NOT ONLY FOUR GREAT POWERS BUT ALSO GDR ON WHOSE TERRITORY WEST BERLIN LIES. TRAFFIC MATTERS AND OTHER QUESTIONS CONCERNING WEST BERLIN ARE NOT MATTERS WHICH CAN BE REGULATED BETWEEN GDR AND FEDREP. SOLUTION OF WEST BERLIN QUESTION IN PEACE TREATY IS THEREFORE ONLY REALISTIC PATH FOR FEDREP, BECAUSE IT OFFERS FEDREP AS PEACE TREATY PARTNER OPPORTUNITY GUARD OWN INTERESTS.

SHOULD FEDREP HINDER CONCLUSION PEACE TREATY WITH BOTH GERMAN STATES IT WOULD DEPRIVE SELF THESE POSSIBILITIES. IN THE

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EVENTUALITY QUESTION AFFECTING WEST BERLIN'S TRAFFIC INTO AND THROUGH GDR WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED AND CLARIFIED BETWEEN GDR AND WEST BERLIN SENAT.

REGULATION TECHNICAL QUESTIONS REQUIRES PREVIOUS STEPS ON ROAD, TO NORMALIZATION POLITICAL SITUATION IN WEST BERLIN, POSSIBLE ONLY THROUGH CREATION DEMILITARIZED FREE CITY WEST BERLIN. BEFORE TECHNICAL QUESTIONS CAN BE REGULATED, ALL FORMS INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS GDR AND OTHER STATES WHICH EMANATE FROM WEST BERLIN MUST BE STOPPED AND POLITICS OF DISTURBANCES MUST BE REPLACED BY READINESS WEST BERLIN SENAT REACH UNDERSTANDING WITH GDR. LIQUIDATION OVER 80 ESPIONAGE AND SABOTAGE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH EXIST IN WEST BERLIN IS NECESSITY. PREVENTION REVANCHISTIC AND MILITARISTIC MEETINGS AND PROHIBITION MILITARISTIC, REVANCHISTIC ORGANIZATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

PROHIBITION DIRECT OR INDRECT RECRUITMENT OF ANY NATURE WHATSOEVER OF WEST BERLIN CITIZENS FOR BONN'S BUNDESWEHR IS ALSO REQUIRED.

MILITARY PRODUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN WEST BERLIN MUST BE PROHIBITED. FINALLY, THERE MUST BE DISCONTINUATION EVERY ATTEMPT ILLEGAL INCORPORATION WEST BERLIN INTO WEST GERMAN FEDREP AND DISCONTINUATION MEETINGS AND CONGRESSES OF WEST GERMAN STATE ORGANS IN WEST BERLIN.

"I BELIEVE THAT THEREBY ARE ANSWERED FOR TIME BEING MOST IMPORTANT IMMEDIATE QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN ASKED BY THE PUBLIC IN LAST WEEKS, SOLUTION OF WHICH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH MEMORANDUM OF SOVIET GOVERNMENT TO BONN GOVERNMENT, WE HOLD TO BE URGENTLY NECESSARY."

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